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Applicants

Hikmat Hojeibane

Serial No.

Filed

Title

BIFURCATED AXIALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

Art Unit

Examiner

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 9 after "a" please insert -- continuation of Serial No. 09/256,914, filed February 24, 1999, which is a --.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

7. (Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;

said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form and forming a connector thereat so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without overlap; and

said stent having a welded connection at the connection between said first and second cylindrical forms.

10. (Amended) A stent comprising a first cylindrical form and a second cylindrical form connected thereto;

said second cylindrical form placed alongside a wall portion of the first cylindrical form so that the stent forms a "Y"-shaped opening through the interior portion of the stent without

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